

HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS



PALE BLUE CLOTH.

Cloths, unusually light in hue, have been shown in street toilettes, even in the short skirt walking costumes, and apropos of this we suggest a walking costume of pale blue cloth. The skirt has a deep hem or band of the material and the very short loose coat has a flat collar of black velvet and moderately wide braided trim down front and around bottom; the same decoration is applied on sleeves.

A scarf and muff of black caracul and a pale blue beaver hat with black tips are effective accessories.

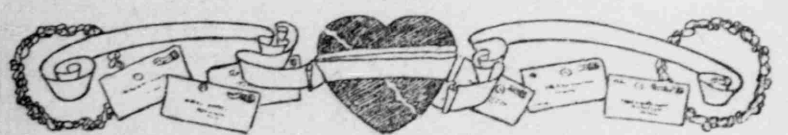


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Dear Love:

Last night at this hour you were with me, and it seemed as though nothing in the world could have added to my happiness. Tonight cold, unsympathetic solitude is my guest. I look down to the little black nose of this pen beseechingly, but it will not tell you how lonely I feel. Yet I am content. I have had you with me three long weeks and each hour of that time will more than compensate for a whole week of solitude. After five years of entire separation, I have seen you and know that your love has not diminished. What more can I ask? Nothing! Love is the greatest thing in the world; even you I would not want without it. It is the keynote to every good and perfect gift, for through its power the soul of man has been raised to lofty purposes. From the foundation of the world the noblest acts of mortal have been performed through the inspiration of love. And now, through my undying love for you, I will not despair but rise to a higher plane than ever before. Talent develops itself in solitude, character in the stream of life. The more gloomy and dense the solitude, the greater the developments of talent; the more perilous the stream of life, the stronger the character.

Ah, my dear friend! you were surprised to find me the woman that I am, but why should you have been? My separation from you has caused me many hours of the deepest loneliness in which talents of almost any magnitude could develop. The stream of life has certainly been rough enough to develop the strongest character. I was forced away from everything that was near and dear to me, cast upon the merciless waves of desertion that rolled mountain high; but your love has brought me safely ashore, and without it I should have gone to the bottom. Don't praise me for anything that I am; your love, alone, has brought me from the little ragged country girl, whose only ambition was to please you, to the woman I am. When next you see me, you will find me still growing. "Onward, ever onward," is my motto, and it is all for the sake of the one I love. Yours, now and forever.



The Umbrella Plant.

The umbrella is a bog plant of the earliest culture, and the process of growing it is very simple. Set the plant in a vessel of water, in the bottom of which is a little soil or sand to hold the roots steady, and set in the window. It can be kept in a glass vase containing only water and a little sand, and used as a hanging plant, or it can be grown in a pot of soil; but in the latter case it must be set in a dish and given plenty of water. It only wants plenty of light and the ordinary heat of the living room. If allowed to dry out the ends of the leaves forming the umbrella turn brown, and ruin the looks of the plant. It will stand a good bit of cold, but will do better in an even temperature. Furnace heat is not good for window

plants, as it renders the atmosphere too dry. Where gas is used as fuel or forcing the plants do not do well. Coal base burners are not the ideal, but with good care the plants brought through the winter in story shape. A vessel of water must be kept on the stove at all times to supply the air with moisture.

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Electricity is a greater friend to women than many realize. By its aid they can do some things that otherwise require professional treatment, and wrinkles and drawn lines may be entirely banished by its aid.

Not so many years ago hot water and soap were considered enough to use for beautifying one's self. Southern girls, to be sure, had other things, and in ante-bellum days were not content merely to be fresh; they strove to be pretty, and most of them succeeded. It was largely because they took such excellent care of their complexion, always wearing veils, washing in buttermilk and cream instead of water, using cold creams and vegetable juices that were stimulating and refreshing. Nowadays women may have not only those, but what is even more effective, electricity, and if one will only make effort enough, much can be accomplished.

With a battery a woman can do almost anything that she wishes. Hollows will be filled out, superfluous hair can be removed; even the shape of the eyebrows may be changed after one knows how to handle the needle properly.

Paraphernalia Needed.

The battery itself is a simple and not necessarily expensive affair, but a beginner will do well to get one of good quality. When exhausted it can be re-filled an indefinite number of times. The two implements needed most are a needle for removing superfluous hair and a roller for smoothing the skin, as well as for reducing flesh. A set of cords will be needed, a wrist attachment and a holder for the needle. One is then ready to work. In using, the wrist attachment is necessary to establish a circuit. There is also required a good clear hand glass that can be firmly fixed in which one can look while operating.

Removing superfluous hair should always be done by electricity. There are, I know, depilatories on the market, and they may be good, but I know nothing of them personally. When they fail they are worse than useless, for the growth comes back with renewed vigor. Electricity kills the follicle if it is reached by the needle put in at a proper angle.

Contrary to general impression, hair does not grow out straight, but slants, so that when inserting the needle, it should go in at an angle. The surest way of reaching the root is to hold out the hair and follow the line down with the needle point. The prick is turned on for a second and then quickly turned off. The shock kills the hair. The massage roller not only smooths the skin, but stimulates, and should be used gently, always in such a way that the hair will grow over wrinkles, and smooths them. The stroke from the chin should be up towards the ear to help keep the skin firm, preventing sagging or double chin. Used over the throat and neck it will fill hollows. Before using it to increase flesh, rub the skin well with a good tissue builder, such as any good massage cream.

Good for Hair.

Electricity is good for the hair, but some of the so-called electric brushes on the market are worthless, being merely "charged." The surest way of using one is to attach it to your own battery and then turn on the current. Only a little should be used, for the effort is to stimulate, not to shock, and fifteen minutes brushing every other day is none too much.

After that, if the scalp is gone over

Fireplace Mottoes.

There was once a man who had the following motto carved over his fireplace: "I have had many troubles in my life and most of them never happened." It was certainly a motto to set people thinking.

Over the fireplace in Mark Twain's home in Connecticut is this inscription: "The ornament of a house is the guests who frequent it." A certain young couple checked many a carousing tongue by putting above their living room fireplace the words, "In this room speak ill of none." For the sake of others a few other mottoes which will serve for hall, library, or chimney corner:

"A man's home is his castle."

"East or west, home's best."

"Old wood to burn, old friends to trust, old books to read," says Home Notes.

A Novel Appetizer.

Black bread, onions and smoked fish form a most toothsome appetizer. Cut very thin slices from the center of medium-sized white onions and throw them into ice water for an hour. Dry, dip in French dressing and lay them on thin circles of black bread, covering each with a thin layer of sliced smoked sturgeon or whitefish, dusted lightly with paprika.

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A careful housekeeper, who for a time was compelled to do her own kitchen work, suggests that much labor will be saved if every iron pot, pan, kettle or, in fact, any utensil used in cooking the food is washed while still hot. It is an easy thing to do, and the washing of pots and kettles loses some of its distasteful aspects. No woman seriously objects to washing and wiping her glass and silver, but to undertake the black, greasy and formidable iron-ware of the kitchen takes considerable nerve and a good deal of common sense.

If a range is carefully wiped with brown paper after cooking greasy food it can be kept bright with little difficulty. Stoves and ranges should be kept free from soot in all the compartments, for if the air passages are clogged an oven will not heat well. It is wiser for the mistress to understand the practical working of her range, unless she has exceptionally good servants, for many hindrances to well-cooked food will be prevented.

Professional Conversation-ists.

Just when it seems as if all the new and happy ideas for women to earn a competence had come to an end Paris rushes to the rescue with what it terms "professional conversationists." They are the latest fad over there, and the impecunious who are gifted with glibness of tongue, or "professionalism," as they are called, are finding it too much trouble to converse, and have hit upon the professional conversationist as a way out of the difficulty. The man or woman is, of course, presentable enough not to look out of place at the most exclusive boards, and is well educated up on every topic of the day that has any interest for social circles.

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